

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

2 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman and ladies  
3 and gentlemen: I oppose the amendment. I think it is  
4 idle to believe that the Congress of the United States is  
5 going to provide sufficient guidelines for proper redistrict-  
6 ing. It has now been 36 years since we had a Congressional  
7 act which would provide for compactness and for adjoining  
8 territory, the "substantially equal" came into mode after  
9 the Supreme Court held in the Georgia case that they had to  
10 be substantially equal.

11 It is quite true after the Congress acts in the  
12 area that it will have preempted the field, and any  
13 Constitutional provision will fall.

14 On the basis of history and on the basis of  
15 honest estimates made by those who are close to Congress,  
16 it is only fair to say that there is not going to be the  
17 kind of redistricting legislation out of Congress which  
18 is going to guarantee the kind of representation that we  
19 want.

20 Therefore I would say when we have an opportunity  
21 to provide fair representation in the seats of Congress